BY LIEUTENANT MURRY.

When I was stationed at New Orleans, we used to call Augustus Hurd, the billiard player of St. Charles Hotel, "Guss Green," as he would now and then be guilty of great verdancy of conduct. He knew the game of billiards, and was a capital player. He made his flying by the game, but that was nearly all he did know well. And yet Guss would generally manage to come out all right, if he did "put his foot in it" once in a while.

A party of us were lounging and smoking upon the steps of the St. Charles one Summer afternoon, telling stories and joking away the time until evening, which is the carnival hour in the Crescent City, when we were joined by a well known sporting character named Habersham, a man who drove at that time the fastest horse on the Shell Road.

"Ah, how are you, Habersham ?" said

one of the party. "So, so," said the new-comer, "just been dunned though for a few hundred I can't

pay, and I feel small, of course." "Can't pay," said another. "Why, Habersham, we thought you owned a hatton-

"Poor as pie crust," he replied. "Why, there's a diamond ring on your anger worth a pot of money. Why don't

you sell it ?" said one of the party. "That's an heirloom. I don't want to part with it," he answered, displaying the

"Dor't complain complain then of belag poor so long as you wear that sort of of thing," and the first speaker. "What is the diamond worth ?" asked

"Ivs worth eight hundred dollars, Hang me if I don't think I will sell it, and pay

of that chap." "What will you take for it ?" asked

"Well, eight hundred."

"That's no object." "Well, say seven."

"No." te. "Give me six hundred; it would bring more at a jeweier's but one's ashamed to offer it there."

"I don't care for it," said Guss. "Look here, Mr. Hurd," said Habersham, in a sort of confidential tone, "I am awful hard up, worse than I dare say. You may have the diamond if you will pay me nve hundred dollars cash, at once, but it's like throwing three hundred into the gut-

Guss thought a moment, the other turning the ring so that it sparkled brilliantly in the broad light. An eight hundred diamond for five-well, he thought it was a bargain, and so he said:

"Weil, step into my room up stairs, and we will see," the two disappearing togett.

Soon after Habersham came out and Waiked away with a sly look upon his lace, and was soon followed by Guss, who made his appearance wearing the new purchase upon his male flager, which he took care to display in a most conspicuous manner. Little attention had been paid to the transaction until it was all over, but now one or two of the party examined the ring with considerable care, and it was declared to be imitation, no real stone at all. Possibly, what is called a California peb-

Guss, with his too frequent want of common sense, had been taken in; and all hands laughed at him heartily. Habersham was a man hard to find when you wanted him, and when found, entirely irrespossible. Guss Green looked a little blank about the matter, but continued to wear his ring and said nothing. The fact was the verdant fellow was about five hun-

Evening came at last and we all met once more in the billifard room, where Guss joined us. He was at home then, and could give any of the party heavy odds and beat them time times out of ten. By and by there came a pause in the game, and the fellows began to chaff him about his diamond, which he had still upon his hand, and conspicuously displayed all the

"Guss, what will you take for it ?" asked one.

"Eight hundred," was the quiet answer. "Eight fiddlesticks !" was the response. "I'll give you a kig apple for it," said au-

"Look here, fellows, you are wasting your breath. This is a real diamond-no humbug about it."

"You are verdant, Guss," said one. "It may not be of the first water, but I'll bet it's a real diamond," said Guss, helding it up and looking at it.

"Pil bet you fifty dollars it's not a diamond," said Frank Baruwell, who stood by , and who had seen Guss buy it.

"Well, I'll go fifty," said Guss, putting the money on the table.

"I'll go the same," said another. "Very good." said Guss, covering the

second nity. "Here's fifty more," said another of the

party. "Covered," said Guss.

"Hold on, Guss," said one of his friends, "you have got money enough upon that

"Go one more fifty," said another. "For the last, yes," said Guss, hesitating

a little. There was a pool of four hundred dollars up, which was duly placed in the hands of a stake-holder, and it was agreed, first, that the winner or winners should stand the champagne, and that the question as

to whether the stone was a diamond or not, should be settled by reference to the proprietor of the nearest jeweler's store on So the party all filed out together to the well known Alhambra jewelry establishment near by. The head of the house was

in, and Guss went up to him, and taking of the ring, said: "We have a little bet about this ring,

Mr. Jewell, and have agreed to leave it to you to decide,"

"Very good, sir," said the shopkeeper, se he adjusted his glass to one eye, and held the ring so that the gas-light fell clear upon it.

"Is that a true disamond?"

"What is it worth ?" asked Guss.

"I cannot say without removing it from the setting and weighing it, but I should hink about eight hundred dollars in

"Thank you," said Guss. "I will remember your politeness," at the same time putting the fing on his flugers once more.

The party, with the blankest looks, turned away from the store, feeling decidedly 'flat," except our VERDANT friend, Gus, Green, to whom the stake-holder paid over the money, and we sat down to oysters and champagne at the winner's expense, the four victims soon forgetting their losses. We had a rollicking night of it, and finally voted before we separated that Guss was not so green after all.

The next day Augustus Hurd, alias Guss Green, might have been seen entering & store on Crescent street, kept by a Jew dealer in diamonds, and where he was at once recognized as he said:

"Now, Mr. Isaacs, here's your diamond and twenty dollars for the use of it. I'll take my deposit if you please."

"Here it is, Mr. Hard." "Be so good as to put back that Califor-

nia pebble as it was before." "Exactly," the stone being replaced and

upon Guss's finger in a twinkling. "You need not say anything about this

little transaction, Mr. Isaacs." "No, sir. I never tell my business to any

one," said the Jew. Guss returned home very quietly, and that afternoon was smoking his eigar as before on the steps of the St. Charles, the showy ring still upon the little finger of his left hand. In the meantime the story of that ring had got among about helf the young fellows in town, and came to the ears of Habersham, who thought he had made an ass of himself in seiling what proved to be a real diamond of that size for five hundred dollars, when the jewelers appraised it at eight.

While we were shording as described, Habersham came up and joined us once more, and in a few minutes, touching Guss on the shoulder, beckoud him one

"See here, Mr. Hurd, I've been thinking over that matter of the ring, and don't feel very well satisfied about it. You know I told you that it was an Heirloom."

"Yes, Tremember," "Well, Pullike to get it back again."

"I have no especial desire to keep it, if it is really a family matter," said Guss. "It is, I assure you, and I did very wrong to part with it," said haversham, with a great deal of earnestness.

"Well, give me a fifty spot for my trouble and under the circumstances Pil let you have it. But mind you, habersham, you must make it up to me in some other way, for one doesn't like to give up a good bargain for nothing." "I'll remember it," was the reply, and

the sparper counted out the five mundred AND FIFTY dollars, took his ring and hastened away, brimful of satisfaction. Mabersham didn't trouble Guss Green any more, nor did we ever call him verdant after this very clever experience with

that mock diamond. In 1971 a 1981 a HE WAS THROUGH .- Saturday morning at one o'clock the police found a horse and cutter coming in from the country on the Pontiac road, with the driver so nearly frozen that he was lopped over on the seat and unconscious. He was taken to the station, and they thawed him out after an hour or so. When he could speak, he

"Sergeant, will I live ?" sond and

"Oh, yes, I guess so," was the answer. "Well I'm sorry," mused the young man 'I wanted to die so that they could put on my tombstone: "Nere lies one who was fool enough to ride twenty-six miles to spark a red-headed girl !"

The telegraph announced to us some time since that the Radicals had carried New Hampshire; since when it has been very reticent upon the subject. We have been waiting very patiently for the particular but they tailed to come until the mals brought our Atlantic exchanges. When lo the fact is revealed that the Democrats have elected two out of the three Congressmen. whereas before the Radicals had three and the Democrats one. There was no choice for Governor, which was the case a year ego The choice of Governor will now devolve or the State Legislature, which being pretty evenly divided, the Governorship will remain in doubt until it decides the matter Our Radical cotemporaries have about quit crowing over the Radical triumph in New Hampshire.

THE President has appointed Volney V Smith, of Arkansas, consult to St. Thomas. West Indies. He is formerly from Oregon is a son of Delezon Smith, and a nephew of the editor of this paper. He claimed that he was elected Governor of Arkansas, and appealed to the President to place him in the gubernatorial chair. Volney will probably te satisfied now without the governor-

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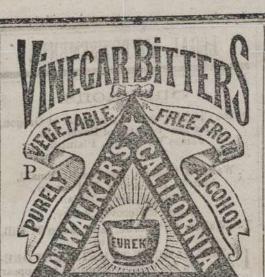
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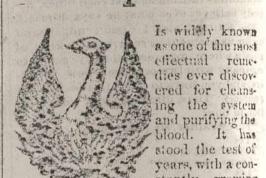
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